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You have no doubt heard many arguments pro and con on this proposal. I won't rehash why as an American I oppose such a rule though will say that aside the the cost to NYS, it is one more step in the control citizens, "for their own protection," of course. To clarify that I am enclosing a quote from the book *They Thought They Were Free*, by a Milton Mayer; in the late '40s he interviewed a number of ordinary Germans on why they went along with their country's recent policies. This is how one of them described what happened.

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But of course this (blatant repression) isn't the way it happens. In between come all the hundreds of little steps, some of them imperceptible, each of them preparing you not to be shocked by the next. Step C is not so much worse than Step B, and, if you did not make a stand at Step B, why should you at Step C? And so on to Step D.